

RCE/27007 #26

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Application Number	09/392,585
Confirmation Number	1444
Filing Date	September 09, 1999
First Named Inventor	Thierry DESLANDES
Group Art Unit	2142
Examiner Name	VAUGHN, Jr., William
Matter Number	Q55716
Title	PROCESS FOR MONITORING THE CONSUMPTIONS OF FRANKING MACHINES

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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 28, 2003
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

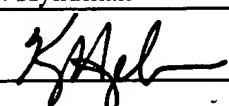
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name Kelly G. Hyndman Registration No. 39,234

Signature  Date April 14, 2003

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1. This communication serves as a response to the request for reconsideration.
2. Applicant's response to the final rejection filed on 20 July 1999 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance. In the likelihood of future presentation of this argument, the Examiner thinks that it is prudent to address the main points of contention.

A. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 8-11 and 19-48 made pursuant to 35 USC 103(a) by the Examiner. Applicant contends that it is not seen how the applicants' invention results merely from the combination of Morten's communication based application-to-application session into Wijaya's interprocess communication.